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1. USUN MISOFF LEADING OFF ON DISCUSSION, REPORTED THAT  
SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY DRAFT RES APPEARED TO BE HOLDING FIRM OR  
AT POSSIBLY A LITTLE HIGHER LEVEL THAN IN 1975. ON OTHER HAND,  
HE NOTED THAT HOSTILE DRAFT MIGHT BE FACING A SMALL DECLINE  
IN SUPPORT IN COMPARISON WITH 1975. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF  
CORE GROUP LOBBYING IN ACHIEVING THESE RESULTS.

2. CANADIAN MISOFF POINTED TO CLOSE US - CANADIAN ASSOCIATION  
ON KOREAN QUESTION AS A RESULT OF MEMBERSHIP ON CORE GROUP.  
HE ALSO UNDERLINED CANADA'S INTEREST IN KOREAN QUESTION DUE TO  
FACT THAT CANADA IS A "THREE OCEAN COUNTRY" AND BECAUSE EVENTS  
IN KOREA COULD HAVE MUCH SIGNIFICANCE FOR CANADA IN MANY AREAS  
OF INTEREST TO IT, NOTABLY JAPAN.

3. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF DEFERMENT, CANADIAN MISOFF SAID  
THAT ON BASIS OF PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS, NORWEGIANS AND DANES  
WERE HESITANT REGARDING DEFERMENT MOTION. REGARDING ASEANS,  
CANADIAN MISOFF SAID ASEANS FELT THIS NOT A GOOD YEAR FOR  
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DEBATE ON KOREA. HE CONTINUED THAT ASEANS PLUS PAPUA-

NEW GUINEA AND FIJI ALL TENDED TO SUPPORT DESIRABILITY OF DEFERMENT. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN MISOFF, DPRK AMB KWON HAD INFERRED INTEREST IN POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF DEBATE TO INDONESIA'S AMB SANI. CANADIAN MISOFF ALSO REPORTED THAT PRC AMB IN THE HAGUE WHEN TALKING TO AUSTRALIAN AMB THERE HAD NOT GIVEN A DEFINITE "NO" ON DEFERMENT.

4. USUN MISOFF SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MIGHT SEIZE ON UN SYG'S EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PASSAGE OF DUAL RESOLUTIONS IN 1975 AND PROPOSE TO GENERAL COMMITTEE THAT IT DEFER DECISION AS TO RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INSCRIPTION OF KOREAN ITEMS ON UNGA AGENDA SO AS TO GIVE MORE TIME FOR NEGOTIATION OF A DRAFT RES ACCEPTABLE TO MAJORITY.

5. CANADA'S AMB BARTON THEN SUGGESTED THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE MIGHT EVEN ACCEPT KOREAN ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON RECOMMENDED AGENDA, BUT IN FACT PUT OFF THEIR CONSIDERATION BY DEFERRING RECOMMENDATION AS TO THEIR ALLOCATION TO COMMITTEE.

6. BARTON STRESSED THAT SITUATION REQUIRING RISKY PLENARY VOTE ON DEFERMENT BE AVOIDED, BUT BELIEVED THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE ACTION OF SORT SUGGESTED ABOVE TO ACHIEVE POSTPONEMENT OF UNGA CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN ITEMS COULD REPRESENT AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE.

7. GOV SCRANTON ENDORSED BARTON'S VIEW REGARDING PLENARY VOTE ON DEFERMENT AND STRESSED CONTINUED IMPORTANCE OF OUR SIDE'S VIGOROUS LOBBYING TO MAINTAIN AND GAIN SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RES AND LIMIT SUPPORT FOR HOSTILE RES. SCRANTON

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